

# Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Representing Oregon's Third District

# Guide for Requesting Community Project Funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023

This document outlines the Community Project Funding request process for my office. In this document, you will find general guidance about this year's process, information about how to use our online form to submit your request, and department/agency-specific information about the accounts from which you can request funding.

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# General Guidance for Community Project Funding Requests Made to Congressman Blumenauer

#### Deadline

All requests to the Blumenauer office must be received by **midnight on Friday, April 15**. Staff will review each request to ensure they are properly categorized as Community Project Funding requests and that all the required information has been submitted.

#### Eligible Accounts Per House Appropriations Subcommittee

The House Appropriations Committee has 12 subcommittees. 10 of the subcommittees have at least one account from which community project funding may be requested. Information about these accounts is outlined later in this document and is organized by federal department/agency (not by subcommittee).

The accounts by subcommittee are listed here, along with the relevant staff contact in my office:

Appropriations Subcommittee	Eligible Accounts	Blumenauer Staff Contact
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	<ul> <li>Department of Agriculture—Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities</li> <li>Department of Agriculture—Community Facilities Grants</li> <li>Department of Agriculture—ReConnect Program</li> <li>Department of Agriculture—Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants</li> <li>Department of Agriculture—Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations</li> </ul>	Liv Brumfield
Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies	<ul> <li>Department of Commerce—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Scientific and Technical Research Service</li> <li>Department of Commerce—National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Construction of Research Facilities</li> <li>Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities</li> <li>Department of Justice—Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)</li> <li>Department of Justice—Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment</li> </ul>	Liv Brumfield (NOAA) Eli Bliss (NIST, NASA) Hillary Barbour (Justice)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration	
(NASA)—Safety, Security and Mission Services	

Defense	<ul> <li>Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Army</li> <li>Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Navy</li> <li>Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Air Force</li> <li>Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Space Force</li> <li>Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Defense-Wide</li> </ul>	Eli Bliss
Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies	<ul> <li>Corps of Engineers—Investigations</li> <li>Corps of Engineers—Construction</li> <li>Corps of Engineers—Mississippi River and Tributaries</li> <li>Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance</li> <li>Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resource</li> <li>Department of Energy—Topics include:         <ul> <li>Energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation</li> <li>Cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response</li> <li>Electricity, energy storage</li> <li>Nuclear energy</li> <li>Fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Liv Brumfield
Financial Services and General Government	<ul> <li>General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Buildings Fund—New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts</li> <li>National Archives and Records Administration— National Historical Publications and Records Commission</li> <li>Small Business Administration—Small Business Initiatives</li> </ul>	Jason Little
Homeland Security	<ul><li>Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants</li><li>Emergency Operations Center Grants</li></ul>	Liv Brumfield
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies	<ul> <li>Department of the Interior—Save America's         Treasures through the National Parks Service</li> <li>Department of the Interior—Land Acquisition         through the Land and Water Conservation Fund</li> <li>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—State and         Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)</li> <li>U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry</li> </ul>	Liv Brumfield

	<ul> <li>Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services</li> <li>Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)— Program Management</li> </ul>	Jason Little
	Department of Health and Human Services—	(Labor)
Labor, Health	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	
and Human	Administration (SAMHSA)—Health Surveillance and	Shae McCulloch
Services,	Program Support	(Health and
Education, and	Department of Health and Human Services—	Human
Related Agencies	Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs	Services)
	Department of Health and Human Services—	Eli Bliss
	Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs	(Education)
	Department of Education—Innovation and	
	Improvement	
	Department of Education—Higher Education	

<ul> <li>Department of Defense</li> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> <li>Construction—Active Components—Army</li> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> </ul>
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Construction—Active Components—Navy and
Marine Corps
<ul> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> </ul>
Construction—Active Components—Air Force
<ul> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> </ul>
Construction—Active Components—Defense-
Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DLA, etc.)
<ul> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> </ul>
Construction—Reserve Components—Army
National Guard
<ul> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> </ul>
Construction—Reserve Components—Air
Military National Guard
Construction, Construction and Unspecified Minor
Veterans Construction—Reserve Components—Army
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Related • Construction and Unspecified Minor
Agencies Construction—Reserve Components—Navy
Reserve
<ul> <li>Construction and Unspecified Minor</li> </ul>
Construction—Reserve Components—Air Force
Reserve
<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Army</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Navy and Marine Corps</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Air Force</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Space Force</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Army Reserve</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Navy Reserve</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Planning and Design—Air Force Reserve</li> </ul>
Department of Veteran Affairs
Construction, Minor projects
Transportation, • Department of Transportation—Airport Kathie Eastm
and Housing Improvement Program Tell (DOT, HI
and Urban  • Department of Transportation—Highway Infrastructu
Development, Infrastructure Projects

and Related	Department of Transportation—Transit	Shae McCulloch
Agencies	Infrastructure Projects	(HUD- Housing)
	Department of Housing and Urban Development—	
	Economic Development Initiative (EDI)	

The Subcommittees on the Legislative Branch and on the State, Foreign Operations, and related Programs are not accepting Community Project Funding Requests for fiscal year (FY) 2023.

# Blumenauer Community Project Funding Request Form

Our office has created an online form to receive funding requests. The questions on the form are outlined below.

#### **Applicant Information**

- What is the legal name of your organization? (Please do not include abbreviations, acronyms, or use a "The" before the name.)
- Is your organization a for-profit? (y/n) (The answer MUST be no. The House Appropriations Committee has imposed a ban on directing Community Project Funding to for-profit entities)
- What is your organization's street address?
- What is your organization's city, state, and zip code?
- What is your organization's website address?
- What is your point of contact's name?
- What is your point of contact's phone number?
- What is your point of contact's email address?
- If submitting more than one project, please rank each project by priority (1 being the highest)

#### Project Information

- Project title:
  - This should be a short name by which the project may be identified. The project title should clearly indicate how the funds will be used. This title may be used in the House report and should be as accurate as possible to ensure that the funding goes to the correct project.
  - The project title should include the city (or county as applicable) and two letter state designation (OR) in which the project will be located.
- Please provide the location where the project activities will take place (in the format 'City or County, State').
- Please provide the fullest description of the project as possible (limited to 1,000 characters).
- Please provide an explanation of why this is a good use of taxpayer funds.
- Please briefly describe evidence of community support for your project and attach all documentation as a single PDF (10 MB limit). Supporting evidence should include:
  - Letters of support from elected community leaders,
  - o Press articles highlighting the need for the requested community project funding,
  - Support from newspaper editorial boards,
  - Projects listed in state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents,
  - Resolutions passed by city councils or boards, and/or
  - Other compelling evidence of community support.
- How much funding are you requesting?
- Has the project previously received federal funding?

- If yes, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
- Have you requested funding for the same project from another Senator or member of Congress?
  - If yes, who?
- Please attach a detailed budget breakdown specifically describing how the requested federal funding will be used.
- For non-profit organizations, please attach evidence showing you are a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- From which department/agency are you seeking funding?
- From which account are you requesting funding?
  - Please note: Each subcommittee requires project sponsors to answer a series of supplemental questions. These questions vary by subcommittee and will appear on the form based on which department/agency you select in the question above. You can preview these questions at the end of each department/agency section within this document.

# Additional Guidance for Community Project Funding Requests

- Total Community Project Funding requests, from all Members of Congress, are limited to no more than one percent of discretionary spending. There will therefore be a very limited number of community projects included in the annual appropriations bills this year. All final decisions will be made by the House Appropriations Committee.
- Requests must be for FY 2023 funds only and cannot include multi-year funding.
  However, the performance period for a project funded with amounts provided in FY
  2023 will depend on the appropriations account from which it is funded and may be
  longer than one year.
- You must include a budget breakout specifically describing how the requested federal funding will be used, such as amounts for salaries for providers or instructors, tuition payments, educational materials, exhibits, supplies, evaluation activities, equipment, travel, etc.
- Requestors must be governmental or Tribal entities or non-profit organizations. Non-profit organizations must be able to provide evidence showing that they are non-profit organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- For-profit entities are NOT eligible for FY 2023 funds.
- If Congressman Blumenauer submits your funding request to the House Appropriations Committee, information regarding the request will be made public on Blumenauer.house.gov and on the House Appropriation Committee's website.
- Neither Congressman Blumenauer, nor his immediate family, can have any financial interest in the project.
- All Community Project Funding requests must meet all applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made, including all underlying statutory and regulatory requirements (e.g., cost share).

# U.S. Department of Agriculture

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Agriculture accounts.

- Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
- Community Facilities Grants
- ReConnect Program
- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

#### Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) owns and operates laboratories and facilities across the United States. Many of these laboratories/facilities are decades old, have outlived their functional lifespan, and are badly in need of major repairs, renovation, or replacement. Facility requests must be for ARS-owned facilities or for facilities that will enhance ongoing ARS work. Requests can assist in the acquisition of land, construction, repair, improvement, extension, alteration, and purchase of fixed equipment or facilities as necessary to carry out the agricultural research programs of the Department of Agriculture.

You are strongly encouraged to provide details on the research to be conducted, why the research is a high priority, as well as details on the modernization and why it is critical in carrying out the research.

#### Community Facilities Grants

Grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Essential community facilities include, but are not limited to, healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety measures, educational services, or other community support services. Examples of eligible projects include: medical or dental clinics, towns halls, courthouses, childcare centers, police or fire departments, public works vehicles, or distance learning equipment. Any project must serve a rural area as specified in 7 CFR 3570.53, and the request must demonstrate community support. Submissions should include details on all proposed uses of funds, activities that will occur, timeline and detailed information on the complete service territory, including median household income of the proposed project.

Please review all program regulations carefully, most notably:

- Cost share requirements. The Community Facilities program has a cost share calculated on a graduated scale. The applicant should be aware of any cost share as documented in 7 CFR 3570.63(b).
- Credit Elsewhere Test. Applicant shall certify they cannot finance the project from their own resources and credit is not otherwise available on reasonable terms from non-Federal sources.

Community Facilities grants generally cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space.

#### ReConnect Program

ReConnect broadband pilot grants facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Grants funds can be used for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access, defined as 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream.

The area must be rural and lack sufficient access to broadband service. A rural area is any area which is not located within a city, town, or incorporated area that has a population of greater than 20,000 inhabitants. Sufficient access to broadband is defined as greater than 90% of any rural area in which households have fixed, terrestrial broadband service delivering at least 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. Mobile and satellite services will not be considered in making the determination of sufficient access to broadband.

Stand-alone middle-mile projects are not eligible under the ReConnect Program. However, middle-mile facilities are eligible if they are needed to bring sufficient broadband service to all premises in the area.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to include information in their requests, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms will be served in the area, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.

#### Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program (DLT) helps rural residents better utilize the enormous potential of modern telecommunications and the internet for education and healthcare, two critical components of economic and community development. The DLT program helps rural communities acquire the technology and training necessary to connect educational and medical professionals with students, teachers, and patients in rural areas.

Grants may be used for audio and video equipment, broadband facilities that support distance learning or telemedicine (not actual broadband), computer hardware or network components/software, and acquisition of instructional programing.

All requests are subject to all the regulations governing the program which can be found at 7 CFR Part 1734. The program requires a 15% match that cannot come from another federal source.

Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) supports private landowners, conservation districts, and other organizations to conserve, maintain, and improve the Nation's natural resources. Conservation Operations has four major program components: Conservation Technical Assistance, Soil Survey, Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting, and Plant Materials Centers. Examples of specific objectives include reduce soil erosion, improve soil health, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damage caused by floods and other natural disasters. **Due to the newness of the urban agriculture program, the subcommittee will not consider such proposals this year as part of CPFs in Conservation Operations.** 

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide details on the work to be done, including if the project will conduct surveys, investigations, or research, and if there is a plan to publish the results of any such work. Members should also describe any preventive measures to be taken, such as engineering operations, methods of cultivation, or changes in use of land.

- 1. What is the website address of the proposed recipient?
- 2. If there are additional costs necessary to complete the project, have those been secured?
- 3. For rural development projects, is the project for an eligible purpose and does it meet all eligibility requirements under current law?
- 4. Does the recipient plan to make grants to other entities from the funds provided and if so, to which entities?
- 5. Why is this project a priority? Please briefly explain the community benefits.
- 6. Has any funding for the project been included in any presidential budget and if so, how much, in which fiscal year, and in which agency or agencies and program(s)?
- 7. Has the project received federal funding before and if so, how much, when, and from which agency or agencies and program(s)?
- 8. For Agricultural Research Services, Buildings & Facilities (ARS B&F) only, what is the estimated start date of the project? How soon could the feasibility/engineering design phase commence? (mm/yy)
- 9. For Agricultural Research Services, Buildings & Facilities (ARS B&F) only, does the project have distinct and separable phases?
- 10. For Agricultural Research Services, Buildings & Facilities (ARS B&F) only, what is the estimated completion date of the project? When does completion of construction occur? (mm/yy)
- 11. For ReConnect requests only, please provide relevant information, such as the number of households, businesses, or farms that would be served, what the performance of the service to be offered will be, and whether healthcare or educational facilities will be served.
- 12. For Conservation Operations, briefly describe how the project will reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, or other objectives that will help conserve, maintain, and improve natural resources.

# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Bureau of Reclamation

Community project funding may be requested from the following Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation accounts:

- Corps of Engineers—Investigations
- Corps of Engineers—Construction
- Corps of Engineers—Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Corps of Engineers—Operation and Maintenance
- Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources

All requests for the Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) accounts listed above should reflect a funding amount that can be realistically utilized in FY 2023 and must be authorized projects. All projects will be sent to the relevant agency for technical assistance, including regarding project capability.

Please note that it is of the utmost importance to provide the official project name and the correct project authorization information. If inaccurate information is provided, the Subcommittee may not be able to properly evaluate your request. To assist you in identifying the official project name and project authorization, lists of authorized projects in a searchable PDF format can be found at: <a href="https://appropriations.house.gov/energy-and-water-authorized-project-lists">https://appropriations.house.gov/energy-and-water-authorized-project-lists</a>. If you are not able to find your authorized Corps project in the authorized project list, or if you have difficulty finding the authorization information, contact your local Corps District office to obtain this information. If you are not able to find your authorized Reclamation project in the authorized project list, or if you have difficulty finding the authorization information, contact your local Reclamation Region office to obtain this information. Once you locate the name of your project, you will also need to provide the Public Law and section of the law that authorizes your project.

- 1. What is the official project name?
- 2. What is the project authorization?
- 3. What amount are you requesting for FY23?
  - a. If the project is included in the President's budget request, the amount requested for FY23 should be only the additional amount above the budget requested that you are requesting for the project.
  - b. If the project is not included in the President's budget request, the amount requested for FY23 should be the amount you are requesting for the project.
- 4. Is the project included in the FY 2023 President's budget request? [Yes/No]
- 5. How much is included in the President's budget? What is the additional amount you are requesting for the project?
- 6. Is the project included in the FY 2022 enacted legislation? [Yes/No]

- 7. Can this project obligate all requested funds within 12 months after enactment? [Yes/No]
- 8. Will this request be submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year?
- 9. If so, which subcommittee will the request be submitted to?
- 10. If making a request for a Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) project, please provide the specific Continuing Authorities Program section applicable to your project request (i.e. "204", "1135", etc.). If it is not a CAP project, write N/A.
- 1. If making a request for an Environmental Infrastructure (EI) project, please provide the EI program authorization, including the Public Law and specific section number (i.e. Section 595 of Public Law 106-53). If it is not an Environmental Infrastructure project, write N/A.
- 11. If making a Corps request, please provide the name of the Corps District where the project is located. If it is not a Corps request, write N/A.
- 12. If making a Reclamation request, please provide the name of the Reclamation Region where the project is located. If it is not a Reclamation request, write N/A.

# U.S. Department of Commerce

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Commerce account:

- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Scientific and Technical Research Service
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Construction of Research Facilities
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities

#### NIST Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)

Funding must be for activities consistent with and supportive of NIST's mission and within its authorities, such as STEM education activities, scientific research, or other activities that support American manufacturing and industry. This account does not fund vehicles or building construction or renovation.

Specific Supplemental Questions for NIST STRS projects

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NIST at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

#### NIST Construction of Research Facilities

This account funds the construction and renovation of research facilities, provided that such facilities will be used in a manner that is aligned with and supportive of the mission of NIST.

Specific Supplemental Questions for NIST Construction projects

- Please provide a detailed budget and schedule timeline for the planned construction or renovation project associated with this request.
- Please explain how this project is aligned with the mission of NIST.

#### NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities

Community project funding for NOAA will only be considered within the Operations, Research, and Facilities account. This account does not fund construction projects, and as such, any such requests will not be considered. Requests for funding will be considered for research, demonstration, or education projects performed by external partners or for prioritizing NOAA internal funds for geographically specific projects. Any such project must be aligned with NOAA's mission and within their existing authorities.

The subcommittee will not entertain requests for community project funding for the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. Coastal Zone Management funds are distributed to states on a formula basis and will not be considered for community project funding. Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

#### Specific Supplemental Questions for NOAA project requests

- Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NOAA at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

- 1. Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
- 2. If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
- 4. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- 5. Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [ves/no]
- 6. If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- 7. Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
- 8. If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- 9. If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- 10. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- 11. Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- 12. Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.

- 13. Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- 14. If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?
- 15. Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
- 16. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- 17. Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
- 18. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
- 19. Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.

# U.S. Department of Defense

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Defense Accounts:

- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Army
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Navy
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Air Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Space Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation—Defense-Wide

- 1. Provide the name of the specific recipient for the project request and the amount requested for FY 2022.
- 2. Provide a description of the desired outcome of the project and how it would benefit the Department of Defense.
- 3. List the line number and Program Element number proposed to fund the project.
- 4. Disclose whether the project is being requested in another bill.
- 5. State whether the request is a new or existing project; if existing, whether it previously received federal funds; and if so, identify the account, amount of funding, and fiscal year.
- 6. Provide the total cost of the project.
- 7. List the required funding in future years and the source of that funding.
- 8. Determine whether the program could start in a limited capacity if the Appropriations Committee cannot fully fund the request.

# U.S. Department of Defense (Military Construction)

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Defense accounts:

- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction—Active Components (for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, or Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.))
- Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction—Reserve Components (for the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, or Air Force Reserve)
- Planning and Design (for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.), Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, or Air Force Reserve)

Each project request must be for fiscal year 2023 funds only and cannot include a request for multiyear funding. In addition, to be eligible, requested projects must be shovel ready in fiscal year 2023, with 35 percent design complete, and must be positioned to have contracts awarded in fiscal year 2023. If individual projects have not been previously authorized, requests must also be submitted to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) for inclusion in the fiscal year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Previous authorizations expire after three fiscal years. All projects must have a corresponding DD Form 1391, which is used by DoD to submit requirements and justifications in support of funding requests for military construction to Congress

#### Lists of Eligible Community Projects

The eligible lists of community projects are those that are submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense or his/her designee. Projects that only appear on a project list provided by a base commander, as opposed to the Secretary or his/her designee, will not be accepted. Such eligible lists include:

- Future Year Defense Program (FYDP) FYDP is a projection of the forces, resources, and programs needed to support DoD operations over a five-year span. The FYDP is released simultaneously with the President's budget request. The updated document listing projects eligible for FY 2023 will be obtainable after the FY 2023 full budget rollout, through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) website: <a href="https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/">https://comptroller.defense.gov/Budget-Materials/</a>.
- Unfunded Requirements/Unfunded Priorities Lists (UFRs/UPLs) UFRs/UPLs are lists
  that each Service provides to Congress that identify priority projects that were not
  included in the President's budget request. These lists must be approved by the
  Secretary of Defense. UFRs/UPLs become available to Congress within ten days of the
  President's full budget release and can be found by contacting the Congressional Liaison
  Offices of the Armed Services.
- Cost-to-completes (CTCs) CTCs are projects that have previously received an appropriation but require additional funding for completion.

These lists represent the requirements identified by each Service for the additional funding necessary to complete a project. The lists are approved by each Service Secretary and can be obtained by contacting the Congressional Liaison Offices of the Armed Services. These lists include projects, ongoing and upcoming, that ensure long-term viability, better readiness, increased resiliency, improved living and working conditions for service members and their families, and significant cost savings in perpetuity.

As indicated above, some Reserve Component projects will additionally require a corresponding State funding match. Please verify said funding before submission. The Committee will not waive match requirements.

#### <u>Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Active Components</u>

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for active components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. The types of projects under this heading include construction, installation, equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, and facilities for the accounts listed below:

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), etc.)

#### Construction and Unspecified Minor Construction – Reserve Components

Eligible community project requests include both construction and unspecified minor military construction projects for Reserve Components. An unspecified minor military construction project is a project that has an approved cost equal to or less than \$6,000,000. Some Reserve Component projects require a State funding match. Requesting offices must determine whether the proposed project requires such a match and if so, confirm that the project has current State match funding before the request can be considered. The types of projects under this heading include construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for training and administration for the accounts listed below:

- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

#### Planning and Design

Planning and design funding can be requested for specific projects when they are not yet at 35 percent design and therefore ineligible for construction funding. The types of projects under this heading include improving facility resilience, study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services for the accounts listed below:

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Defense-Wide Agencies (SOCOM, DHA, etc.)
- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve

- 1. Which Service is the project for?
- 2. In what state/territory is the project located?
- 3. What is the installation name?
- 4. What is the project name and amount?
- 5. Is the funding request for major construction, minor construction, or planning and design?
- 6. Is the project on the FY 2023-2027 FYDP? If so, for what fiscal year?
- 7. Is the project on a Service Unfunded Requirement (UFR)/Unfunded Priority List (UPL)?
- 8. Is the project a cost-to-complete from a prior year? If so, what year?
- 9. Does the project have corresponding DD Form 1391?
- 10. If a Reserve Component project, does it require a State funding match?
- 11. Is the project at 35 percent design and shovel-ready in FY 2023?
- 12. Can the project funds be obligated within 12 months of enactment of the bill?
- 13. If a construction funding request, has the Environmental Impact Study been initiated?
- 14. Was the project previously authorized? If not, has a corresponding request been submitted to HASC?
- 15. Who is the point of contact in the requesting office?

## U.S. Department of Education

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Education accounts:

- Elementary and Secondary Education Innovation and Improvement
- Postsecondary Education

#### **Elementary and Secondary Education Innovation and Improvement**

Community project funding for elementary and secondary education should be submitted through the Innovation and Improvement account. Elementary and secondary education community project funding includes instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education community project funding should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

Community project funding to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under elementary and secondary education. Community project funding may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, community project funding intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.

Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible.

#### Postsecondary Education

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). Community project funding can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of higher education projects. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings.

Examples of the types of projects that can be funded under FIPSE include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student support, implement university partnerships with school districts, and establish research and training centers.

Grantees are usually colleges and universities but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

\*\*Limitations on Education-Related Community Project Funding\*\*

Except where specifically authorized, community project funding cannot be used for construction (or the acquisition of property) or renovation of buildings. In addition, grantees may not restrict participants based on race, ethnicity or gender. Any project that appears to target services toward a particular race, ethnicity, or gender must have a description that makes clear that it will be operated in a race/ethnicity-neutral and gender-neutral manner.

- 1. Please provide a budget breakdown for this project maximum of 10 budget items (i.e., do not upload a spreadsheet with dozens of budget items)
- 2. Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project.
- 3. One-Year Funding? (Yes/No)
- 4. If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project.
- 5. Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

# U.S. Department of Energy

Community project funding may be requested from the Department of Energy in the following areas:

- Energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
- Cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response
- Electricity, energy storage
- Nuclear energy
- Fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals

All Community Project Funding requests for the Department of Energy (DOE) should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. In the event that the Subcommittee cannot fully fund your request, information is required to be provided about a minimum funding level that could be realistically utilized in FY23 to advance the project or complete a discrete segment of the project. If the minimum amount exceeds available funding, then the project may not be funded.

Funds may not be used to support building construction (no brick and mortar). Electric vehicle (EV) charging station projects will not be considered unless there is a renewable energy or energy storage connection to the charging station. Please direct questions about any other EV charging station request to the Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee.

Statutory cost sharing requirements may apply to these projects, as required by section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The amount of required cost sharing will depend on the scope and technological maturity of the project:

- Research or development activities of a basic or fundamental nature: no minimum cost share
- Research or development activities of an applied nature: minimum 20 percent cost share
- Demonstration or commercial application: minimum 50 percent cost share

Some projects may contain elements of more than one of the categories shown above. Therefore, some projects may have a blended cost share. All requests for DOE should reflect a funding amount that can complete the project or complete a discrete segment of the project.

- 1. What is the estimated start date of the project?
- 2. What is the estimated completion date of the project?
- 3. What amount are you requesting for FY23?

- a. This should be the federal share (excluding any cost sharing requirements that may apply). If the project is funded in the President's budget request, the amount entered here should be the amount above the budget request.
- 4. What is the total project cost?
- 5. Is the project included in the FY 2023 President's budget request? [Yes/No]
- 6. How much is included in the President's budget? What is the additional amount you are requesting for the project?
- 7. Is the project included in the FY 2022 enacted legislation? [Yes/No]
- 8. Can this project obligate all requested funds within 12 months after enactment? [Yes/No]
- 9. Will this request be submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year?
- 10. If so, which subcommittee will the request be submitted to?
- 11. Is funding requested by a governmental or non-profit organization? For non-profit organizations, please include the organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- 12. How does this project address the nation's energy challenges?
- 13. Will the requested funding amount complete the project?
- 14. What is the minimum amount of funding, or smallest useful increment of funding, that could be used to advance the project or complete a discrete segment of the project if the full requested amount is not available?
- 15. What type of project is this:
  - a. Basic or fundamental science
  - b. Applied research and development
  - c. Demonstration or commercial
  - d. Combination: please provide a list of each relevant category above
  - e. Other: please explain how the project does not fit into the categories above yet still meets the mission of the Department of Energy.
- 16. Do you have the ability to meet the statutory cost sharing requirements that may apply to the project?

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Community project funding may be requested from the following Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) account:

State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)

The vast majority of requests made to the Interior Subcommittee are for STAG infrastructure grants. These grants fund local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. This includes construction of and modifications to municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants. Similar to past practice, the Committee will be limiting STAG infrastructure grants only to projects that are publicly-owned or owned by a non-profit entity and that are otherwise eligible for the funding from that state's Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) loan programs.

**Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for infrastructure grants, even if they are otherwise eligible for assistance under a SRF program.** The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on a state's most recent Intended Use Plan.

There is a minimum 20% cost share requirement for any portion of a project funded through a STAG infrastructure grant. For example, a \$1 million project could receive a maximum of \$800,000 from the Federal government, with the remaining \$200,000 the responsibility of the grantee. In almost all cases, other federal funds cannot be used to meet this 20% cost share.

Ability to fund the 20% cost share is required before EPA can award a STAG grant. Please note that assistance provided by a SRF counts towards the project's matching requirement.

- 1. What is the total amount requested?
- 2. What is the total cost of the project?
- 3. What is the FY 2023 President's Budget Request (if applicable)?
- 4. What was the FY 2022 enacted level (if applicable)?
- 5. Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment (yes/no)?
- 6. Was this request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year, and if so, which one?
- 7. What are the estimated start and completion dates for the project?
- 8. Is this a Clean Water SRF project or a Drinking Water SRF project?
- 9. Does the project have (or expects to have within 12 months) its 20 percent matching fund requirement?
- 10. Is the project on your state's most recently finalized Clean Water/Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?
- 11. Has the project received federal funds previously? If so, please describe.

#### U.S. Forest Service

Community project funding may be requested from the following U.S. Forest Service account:

• State and Private Forestry

The Forest Service is an agency within the Department of Agriculture. Requests that do not fit into the described categories below are unlikely to be eligible for funding under the Forest Service.

The State and Private Forestry (S&PF) account provides technical and financial assistance, usually through the network of State Foresters, to improve the management, protection, and utilization of the Nation's forests. Community projects are usually limited and include various specific urban and community forestry projects and specific forest disease or pest treatment areas. Members may also request specific State fire assistance projects or specific forestry assistance projects in this account. Please carefully review the information the Forest Service provides on its website regarding what activities are permitted under the various S&PF programs and consult with your State Forester office if needed to confirm that all of a project's activities are eligible for S&PF funding.

Note, State and Private Forestry projects are required to meet the 1:1 matching requirement mandated by the Forest Service. Keep this in mind when considering the amount being requested for the project. The amount being requested can be no more than half of the total project cost to account for matching funds being used (ex. If a project has been calculated to cost \$200,000, then a request for a CPF can be no more than \$100,000 for that project to allow for 1:1 matching funds to be used.) Additionally, project amounts should be to the nearest thousand (ex. \$100,000 instead of \$100,500).

The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that are listed on any federal or state ordinal list or are clearly demonstrated to meet the goals of a State Forest Action Plan(s). Please ensure any requests submitted for S&PF funding include not only full details on the types of activities in the project, but other details relevant to the specific type of S&PF program the project would fall under (ex. For landscape scale restoration, precise location data is needed).

- 1. What is the total amount requested?
- 2. What is the total cost of the project?
- 3. What is the FY 2023 President's Budget Request (if applicable)?
- 4. What was the FY 2022 enacted level (if applicable)?
- 5. Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment (yes/no)?

- 6. Was this request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year, and if so, which one?
- 7. What are the estimated start and completion dates for the project?
- 8. Provide evidence to support the project's eligibility within a specific State and Private Forestry program. Some examples include: (If landscape scale restoration) Does this project meet the eligibility requirements of the Landscape Scale Restoration program as listed in the instructions on the Forest Service website? (If Forest Health Management) Is this project treating a specific insect, disease, or invasive plant infestation listed in the FY23 Forest Service Budget Justification? (If Urban and Community Forestry) How does the project meet the goals outlined in the 2016-2026 Urban Forestry Action plan?

#### U.S. General Services Administration

Community project funding may be requested from the following General Services Administration accounts:

 Federal Buildings Fund—New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations and Basic Repairs Accounts

All community project requests must meet all applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made. Projects are limited to line items in the GSA Federal Buildings Fund requested by the Administration in either the FY22 or FY23 budget request.

- 1. Does the public have access to the building the project will be completed in?
- 2. Can this project be executed by a small business?
- 3. Does this request augment an existing Basic Repairs project?
- 4. Has a Major Alteration and Repairs project been completed at this site in the last three years?
- 5. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. Please include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support as well as a list of any material you are uploading.

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Health and Human Services accounts.

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Program Management
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Health Surveillance and Program Support
- Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Children and Families Services Programs
- Administration for Community Living (ACL)—Aging and Disability Services Programs

#### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Health Facilities Construction and Equipment grants help with the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment for facilities for provision of health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing or other health professions; and medical research laboratories.

In addition to construction and renovation, grants can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment, x-ray machines, and telehealth and information technology equipment. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible (and commonly done). Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least \$5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment. In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution's pre-existing, written accounting policies. One-time equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

HRSA Health Facilities grants cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating or ongoing costs. They cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. Grants can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.

#### <u>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)</u>

Community project funding through SAMHSA provides resources for substance use and/or mental health services — including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery support services. Community project funding within SAMHSA should be submitted through the Health Surveillance and Program Support account.

#### Generally, SAMHSA projects cover:

- Evidence-based substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment services.
- Evidence-based harm reduction activities.
- Crisis services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams.
- Suicide prevention activities including awareness training, screening, referral to treatment, as well as postvention activities.
- Recovery support services, which includes case management, outreach, peer recovery mentors, peer support specialists, childcare, training, transportation, and housing, as well as helping individuals to navigate these various services.
- Screening and assessment of individuals, including the presence of co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and referral to treatment.
- Referral and access to treatment services.
- Educational materials on substance misuse, HIV prevention, hepatitis prevention, and mental health promotion.
- Practitioners or community members training on evidence-based behavioral health practices.
- FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorders in combination with comprehensive psychosocial services, including counseling, behavioral therapies, recovery support services, and other clinically appropriate services.
- Projects that support the hiring of behavioral health providers.
- Limited indirect costs that are directly related to the projects.

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of the types of programs and services that SAMHSA funds. A listing of SAMHSA NOFO's can be found at:

https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grantannouncements-2022

#### SAMHSA project funds cannot be used for:

- Inpatient treatment or hospital-based detoxification services.
- Direct payments to individuals to enter treatment or continue to participate in prevention or treatment services.
- Meals and food.
- Research projects (e.g., scientific, academic, clinical trials, studies, development of research technology).
- Construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project).

More information on allowable or unallowable costs can be found on the HHS Webpage at: <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html</a>

<u>Administration for Children and Families (ACF)—Children and Families Services Programs</u>

Community project funding within ACF should be submitted through the Children and Families Services Programs account and must fall under one of the following categories:

• **Child Abuse Prevention** — Community project funding may be used for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and

- technical assistance. Projects must serve or target children and families who are at risk or who have experienced child abuse and neglect.
- Social Services Research and Demonstration Community project funding may be used for projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to prevent and reduce poverty and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including: low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

ACF community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

Administration for Community Living (ACL)—Aging and Disability Services Programs
Community project funding may be used for projects to improve or create new opportunities for older adults, individuals of all ages with disabilities, and their eligible family caregivers, to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, community project funding should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, health services, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and eligible family caregivers.

ACL community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

- 1. Please provide a budget breakdown for this project maximum of 10 budget items (i.e., do not upload a spreadsheet with dozens of budget items)
- 2. Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- 3. One-Year Funding? (Yes/No)
- 4. If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- 5. Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

# U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Homeland Security accounts:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
- Emergency Operations Center Grants

#### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants**

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program will be considered for funding, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable. See details here:

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema\_nofo-fiscal-year-2021-building-resilient-infrastructure.pdf

For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

#### **Emergency Operations Center Grant Program**

Only projects that meet the requirements detailed in the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements, as applicable, will be considered for funding. See details here:

https://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2011/fy11\_eoc\_kit.pdf

For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the respective state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SSA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

# <u>Supplemental Information Requested by the House Appropriations Committee for Pre-Disaster</u> <u>Mitigation Grant Requests</u>

 Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, local government, or territory as defined by section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122)?

- 2. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program?
- 3. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required non-federal cost share, as detailed in the NOFO?
- 4. If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional state local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
- 5. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide a Cost-Benefit Analysis or other documentation that validates cost-effectiveness, which is defined by FEMA as having a Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCA) of 1.0 or greater? A non-FEMA BCA methodology may only be used if preapproved by FEMA in writing.
- 6. Is the entity that will benefit from the proposed activity covered by the current FEMA approved multi-hazard mitigation plan in compliance with 44 CFR Part 201? If so, what is the Final FEMA Approval date.
- 7. How will the project provide long-term permanent risk-reduction, as opposed to simply supporting emergency protective measures?
- 8. Can the recipient describe how the project supports the needs of vulnerable populations?
- 9. Does the recipient specifically encourage the adoption and enforcement of the latest disaster resistant building codes?
- 10. Provide a clear and detailed description of the proposed mitigation activity.
- 11. How will the mitigation activity be implemented?
- 12. Who will manage and complete the mitigation activity?
- 13. What risks will remain from all hazards after project implementation (i.e., residual risk)?
- 14. How does the project take into account future conditions?
- 15. Has the project has been submitted to current or previous competitive BRIC funding cycles?
- 16. If the answer to the previous question is yes, what is the subgrant ID?
- 17. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request, including letters of support and any relevant links to information posted on the Member's website or other online sources.
- 18. Has your office or the community consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
- 19. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
- 20. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?

# <u>Supplemental Information Requested by the House Appropriations Committee for Emergency Operations Center Grant Program Requests</u>

- 1. Is the requesting jurisdiction a state, Indian tribal government, or local government as defined by section 102 or 602 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5122, 5195a?
- 2. Is the proposed project eligible under the most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program? (For EOCs, the fiscal year 2011 NOFO is the most recent.)
- 3. Can the requesting jurisdiction provide the required 25 percent non-federal cost share?
- 4. If less than the requested amount were provided as the federal share, would additional state local, or other eligible funding sources be available to support the project?
- 5. Is the requestor in a position to enhance their emergency management capabilities and address their Emergency Operations Center needs?
- 6. Is the proposed project related to a structure or facility that meets the definition of an EOC, to include supporting incident management (on-scene) operations across multiple functional disciplines and/or jurisdictions?
- 7. Is the facility (or will the facility) be the primary Emergency Operations Center for the jurisdiction?
- 8. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of federal funding. Please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request, including letters of support and any relevant links to information posted on the Member's website or other online sources.
- 9. Has your office or the community consulted with state/county/local emergency management officials or with FEMA about the proposed project?
- 10. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please provide name agency and contact information.
- 11. Is there or will there be a letter from the appropriate state officials confirming that should the project be approved the appropriate state agency is willing and able to serve as the recipient for the grant?

# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Housing and Urban Development account:

• Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiative (EDI) EDI community project funding may be used for economic and community development activities, including land or site acquisition, demolition or rehabilitation of housing or facilities, construction and capital improvements of public facilities (including water and sewer facilities), and public services. Requests may also include planning and other activities consistent with previously funded activities eligible under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program (title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)), unless otherwise specified. EDI community project funding is not eligible for the reimbursement of expenses for activities or costs incurred prior to the obligation of funds, if such activities are not eligible under the CDBG program. Capital and operating expenses for fire and police stations are not eligible for EDI community project funding.

# All projects must be:

- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected
  officials.
- Administered by governmental or non-profit entities, including public housing agencies, as well as tribes and tribally designated housing entities.

NOTE: EDI community project funding does not have a match requirement.

# <u>Supplemental information requested by the House Appropriations Committee</u>

- 1. Project Name (A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location: city, county, state, Congressional District, or Tribe)
  - a. For example: Main Street elderly services facility improvements, City, State, County, Congressional District, or Tribe.
- 2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
  - a. For example: For capital improvements, including roof repairs, accessibility alterations (installation of ramps and handrails, restroom alterations) and related equipment, labor and materials, within the County's oldest senior services facility.
- 3. What are the benefits of the project and why is it a priority?
  - a. For example: These improvements will improve the health and safety of more than 350 seniors that rely on services provided through the center for supplemental meals and health services, as well as to meet requirements under

the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a result of a closure of a nearby community services facility within the County, improvements are necessary to address a recent increase in demand for elderly services and the need to expand the services available at this elderly services facility, which is in close proximity to the County's largest elderly housing development.

- 4. Amount requested for the community project funding and the total project cost.
- 5. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation?
- 6. Estimated start and completion dates.
- 7. Has the request been submitted to another appropriations subcommittee or other full committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
- 8. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?
- 9. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?
- 10. Is the project primarily a service, new construction, rehabilitation, land or site acquisition, planning, or economic development project?
- 11. Does the project primarily benefit persons of low-income or Tribal communities? If yes, please describe who the project is intended to benefit.
- 12. Who are the community partners participating in this project?
- 13. If the project purpose is for new construction or land or site acquisition, does it comply with local zoning requirements?
- 14. Is the project included or supported by an identified priority area within a state or local HUD Consolidated Plan? If yes, please provide a link to the plan. o Is the project intended to address climate change, resiliency, mobility, or equitable access to housing or services?

# U.S. Department of Interior

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Interior accounts:

- Save America's Treasures through the National Parks Service
- Land Acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund

# Save America's Treasures (SAT) through the National Parks Service

The Save America's Treasures grant program is for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant collections and historic properties. The SAT program falls under the purview of the Historic Preservation Fund account and was established in 1998 to celebrate America's premier cultural resources in the new millennium (Public Law 113–287, Section 308902, 128 Stat. 3244; 54 USC 3089 et seq.). The existing competitive grant program funds two categories of projects: awards managed by the National Park Service (NPS) for preservation projects at properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or designated a National Historic Landmark; and awards managed by the Institute of Museum and Library Services for projects involving nationally significant collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art).

To be considered for Community Project Funding, each applicant must provide information consistent with competitive application requirements. All grant recipients must comply with relevant requirements for recipients of Federal financial assistance and program-specific requirements found here on NPS's SAT website.

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/sat-grant-info.htm

All SAT grants require a dollar-for-dollar non-federal matching share. Recipients of any SAT project funded in the Interior bill must be able to match the amount provided. The property must be on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible to receive funding. Grants are not available for work on sites or collections owned by the NPS. Other federal agencies working with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic properties or collections owned by the federal agency may submit applications through the partner. If the project has received previous appropriations, it is not eligible. A building or structure may only receive one SAT grant. Previous SAT projects can be viewed here: <a href="https://go.nps.gov/satmap">https://go.nps.gov/satmap</a>

If the historic structure has been moved, it is probably not eligible for funding. It is best to ask the State Historic Preservation Officer if the proposed work meets the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings (<a href="https://ncshpo.org/">https://ncshpo.org/</a>). Work that has already been done prior to SAT funding may have had an adverse effect on the historic features of the building and make it ineligible for the National Register and for SAT funding.

Contractors for the project must be competitively selected, as stipulated under Government-wide Grants Requirements set by OMB. New construction is not eligible. The SAT grant program

was created to preserve nationally significant properties by repairing them, not adding to or changing them.

Demolition of an historic building or significant changes to it are not eligible projects under the SAT grant program. The sponsors of this project must agree to a preservation easement or covenant. The National Park Service not only pays for the work to fix the roof, but also ensures that if the property is sold later, then the covenant or easement will bind the new owner to maintain and preserve the historic building that gets the SAT grant.

# Specific Supplemental Questions for SAT projects

- If the request is for a preservation project, does the property meet the SAT requirement to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance or to be designated a National Historic Landmark, either individually or as contributing to an historic district?
- Is the recipient one of the eligible entities under the HPF, as identified in 54 USC 308901?
- What type of eligible entity is the recipient?
- Does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contribution?
- Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the SAT program?
- Is the applicant prepared to accept the required preservation easement/covenant that is required by the program?
- Has this project been completed or advanced beyond emergency stabilization?
- Is the applicant financially sound and capable of managing a federal grant so to minimize the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse and loss of federal funding?

# Land Acquisition through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF

Federal acquisition of lands and water and interests therein must be for the purpose of land and habitat conservation and the encouragement of outdoor recreation, as established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965. Land acquisition project requests funded from the LWCF should be requested through the agency that would manage the land being acquired. The four land management agencies are:

- (1) the Bureau of Land Management (Department of Interior),
- (2) the Fish and Wildlife Service (Department of Interior),
- (3) the National Park Service (Department of Interior); and
- (4) the Forest Service (Department of Agriculture)

Third party organizations (i.e. The Nature Conservancy, Trust for Public Land, etc.) frequently participate in the federal acquisition process by coordinating the negotiation and purchase of tracts. If the project you are requesting involves a third-party organization, please be mindful that funding for a land acquisition project goes to the agency that will manage the land.

The Great American Outdoors Act of (Public Law 116-152) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260) mandates that the president submit, along with the upcoming fiscal year's budget request, proposed and supplemental project lists. Projects that appear on the proposed lists are considered programmatic requests and should not be requested for Community Project Funding. **The Committee will look favorably upon requests for projects that appear on the supplemental list.** When submitting your request, please indicate whether the project is on this list.

Specific Supplemental Questions for Land and Water Conservation Fund project for BLM/FWS/NPS/USFS

• Is the requested project on either the president's proposed or supplemental LWCF project list submitted by the agency?

# <u>Supplemental Information Requested by the House Appropriations Committee</u>

- 1. What is the total amount requested?
- 2. What is the total cost of the project?
- 3. What is the FY 2023 President's Budget Request (if applicable)?
- 4. What was the FY 2022 enacted level (if applicable)?
- 5. Can the project obligate all of the appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment (yes/no)?
- 6. Was this request submitted to another subcommittee this fiscal year, and if so, which one?
- 7. What are the estimated start and completion dates for the project?

# U.S. Department of Justice

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Justice accounts:

- Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
- Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment

# Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

Office of Justice Programs, Byrne JAG Grants assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, provide victims' services, and other related activities. Community projects funded under this category must comply with the requirements cited in JAG statutes and be consistent with Justice Department guidance for the program. Below are the links to the Department's guidance and frequently asked questions regarding Byrne-JAG:

https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jag-faqs.pdf

The Committee encourages community project funding designed to help improve police-community relations. Historically, the Committee has not funded building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account.

Specific Supplemental Questions for Byrne JAG project requests

- Is this request consistent with all current statutory and regulatory requirements of Byrne Justice Assistance Grant recipients and subrecipients? [yes/no]
- Is this project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? [yes/no]
- Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

# Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) – Technology and Equipment

Funding will be provided for COPS Technology and Equipment (COPS Tech) community project grants for State, local, and tribal law enforcement to develop and acquire effective technologies and interoperable communications that assist in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime, provided that such equipment meets the applicable requirements of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES).

This funding will allow recipients the opportunity to establish and enhance any of a variety of technical equipment and/or programs to encourage the continuation and enhancement of community policing efforts within their jurisdictions. These projects should help improve police

effectiveness and the flow of information among law enforcement agencies, local government service providers, and the communities they serve.

Historically, the Committee has not funded vehicles or building construction or renovation as part of community project funding under this account. Recipients of community project funding under this account may not subgrant to other organizations or agencies.

Specific Supplemental Questions for COPS Tech project requests

- Is this request to fund the acquisition of property or the construction or renovation of a building? [yes/no]
- Has the intended recipient received any COPS or Byrne-JAG funds at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?

# Supplemental Information Requested by the House Appropriations Committee

- 1. Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
- 2. If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- 3. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
- 4. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
- 6. If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- 7. Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
- 8. If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- 9. If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- 10. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- 11. Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- 12. Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
- 13. Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- 14. If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?

- 15. Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
- 16. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- 17. Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
- 18. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
- 19. Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.

# U.S. Department of Labor

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Labor account:

Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act demonstration program is the only Labor Department program that supports community project funding. Community project funding is designated under Training and Employment Services.

These projects must meet all statutorily mandated requirements, except that they are exempt from the requirement to compete. In addition, all projects must:

- 1) Include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities
- 2) Demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the state or local workforce investment system; and
- 3) Include an evaluation component.

Equipment purchases may be included within community project funding only as an incidental part of the entire project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to individuals.

Community project funding cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

# Supplemental Information Requested by the House Appropriations Committee

- 6. Please provide a budget breakdown for this project maximum of 10 budget items (i.e., do not upload a spreadsheet with dozens of budget items)
- 7. Please provide the website of the entity to receive funding for this project
- 8. One-Year Funding? (Yes/No)
- 9. If the request does not fully fund the project, please describe the source(s) of funding necessary to complete the project
- 10. Please indicate if you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (Yes/No)

# U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Community project funding may be requested from the following NASA account:

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Services

### NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services (SSMS)

Community project funding under the NASA Safety, Security, and Mission Services (NASA-SSMS) account must be for activities consistent with and supportive of the work of NASA's mission directorates and within the agency's authorities, such as STEM education activities and scientific research. Funding for building construction or renovation projects will not be considered for community project funding.

# <u>Supplemental Information Requested by the House Appropriations Committee</u>

- 1. Please describe, with as much specificity as possible, the overall objectives of the proposed project and how the requested funds would be spent to achieve those goals.
- 2. If a non-profit, is the recipient entity a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such code?
- 3. Please provide the location of this project, in the format 'City (or County), State'.
- 4. Is the requested project currently authorized in law? If yes, please provide a specific legal citation of such authorization.
- Are the proposed project activities consistent with the activities of the Federal agency? [yes/no]
- 6. If yes, please describe how these activities are consistent with the activities of the Federal Agency. If not, why is the project being requested?
- 7. Has the project been funded in the past? [yes/no]
- 8. If the project has been funded in the past, how much funding has been provided to date?
- 9. If the project has been funded in the past, were such funds provided for discrete, severable activities?
- 10. Please specify any non-Federal sources of funding that have been or are fully anticipated to be applied toward the project, including any dollar amounts and timelines for funding.
- 11. Is the proposed recipient currently in material non-compliance of a prior grant award made by the proposed Federal funding agency? [yes/no]
- 12. Recognizing that the Appropriations Committee may not be able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project spend a smaller amount of appropriated funds within 12 months of the enactment of the Appropriations Act? If yes, please provide any details that may be helpful for understanding the scalability of the project.
- 13. Is this proposed project a priority for the local community? [yes/no]
- 14. If the project is not a priority for the local community, why is it being requested?

- 15. Please describe the current developmental status of this project.
- 16. What is the estimated impact of this project, e.g. number of jobs created/sustained, number of community members served, other projected impacts?
- 17. Is the intended recipient a for-profit entity? [yes/no]
- 18. Are you aware of another Member making a request for this same project? [yes/no]
- 19. Regarding this request, please provide any additional information that would be useful for the Appropriations Committee to have.
- 20. Is the project intended to serve primarily youth under age 18? [yes/no]
- 21. Has the intended recipient received any competitive grant funding or other funding from NASA at any time in the past ten years? [yes/no]
- 22. If yes, in what fiscal years and for what purposes?
- 23. For any science research project request, please provide the name of the individual who is anticipated to be the Principal Investigator for the research project, as well as a link to such person's curriculum vitae, and a list of this person's peer-reviewed publications related to the topic of the requested research project.

# U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

Community project funding may be requested from the following National Achieves account:

 National Archives and Records Administration—National Historical Publications and Records Commission

All community project requests must meet all applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made. For the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, projects that help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records. Generally, projects should comply with the eligibility requirements for existing National Historical Publications and Records Commission grants programs as specified at https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/apply/eligibility.html

Supplemental Information Needed by the House Appropriations Committee

- 1. How will this project directly help ensure online public discovery and use of historical records collections, encourage public engagement with historical records, strengthen the nation's archival network, or publish documentary editions of historical records?
- 2. Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
- 3. Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
- 4. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
- 5. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity?
- 6. Is this a new or ongoing project? If it is an ongoing project, please provide a history of funding for the project, including Federal, state, or local government; non-profit; corporate.
- 7. Will the funds go to an organization that will make sub-grants of those funds to other organizations? If yes, please list the sub-grantees.
- 8. Is this a capital project or will any funds support operating costs?
- 9. Who will oversee the administration/management of the project and what accountability measures will be in place to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer funds?
- 10. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
- 11. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If yes, please provide details.

- 12. Has the organization received funding from the National Archives and Records Administration in the past 5 years? If yes, please provide details on the amount(s) and purpose(s) for which these funds were received.
- 13. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. Please include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support as well as a list of any material you are uploading.

# U.S. Small Business Administration

Community project funding may be requested from the following Small Business Administration account:

Small Business Administration – Small Business Initiatives

All community project requests must meet all applicable eligibility requirements for the program in which the request is made. For Small Business Initiatives, projects must be in support of small businesses, including but not limited to entrepreneur training, workforce development, counseling, research, and construction or acquisition of facilities.

# Supplemental Information Needed by the House Appropriations Committee

- 1. How will this project directly benefit small businesses and/or entrepreneurs at the local, regional, and/or national level?
- 2. Please provide a detailed spend plan for the requested funding, breaking down anticipated expenditures for each major category of project activity.
- 3. Are there matching funds associated with the requested funds? If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s).
- 4. If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to fund the project.
- 5. If the Appropriations Committee is not able to provide the full amount of funding requested, can this project start in a limited capacity? {yes/no}
- Is this a new or ongoing project? If it is an ongoing project, please provide a history of funding for the project, including Federal, state, or local government; non-profit; corporate.
- 7. Will the funds go to an organization that will make sub-grants of those funds to other organizations? If yes, please list the sub-grantees.
- 8. Is the project a capital project or will the funds support operating costs?
- 9. Who will oversee the administration/management of the project and what accountability measures will be in place to ensure the appropriate use of taxpayer funds?
- 10. What performance standards will be used to evaluate whether the program or project supported by the funds meets its mission?
- 11. Has the organization or any potential sub-grantees been subject to sanction or litigation by State, local, or Federal governments in the past five years? If yes, please provide details.
- 12. Has the organization received funding from the Small Business Administration in the past 3 years? If yes, please provide details on the amount(s) and purpose(s) for which these funds were received.
- 13. Community engagement and support is crucial in determining which projects are worthy of Federal funding. To that end, please describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member's decision to submit this project request. You may include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or online, including letters of support.

# U.S. Department of Transportation

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Transportation accounts:

- Transit Infrastructure Projects
- Highway Infrastructure Projects
- Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

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# **DOT Transit Infrastructure Projects**

Transit Infrastructure Projects are public transportation capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code. Eligible capital projects are described under Section 5302(4) of title 49, United States Code, and Section 5339(b)(1) and (c)(1)(B) of title 49, United States Code.

# All projects must be:

- Transit capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a transit capital project.
- Supported by the state, local governmental authority, or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

Public transportation or transit is defined in Section 5302(15) and (22) of title 49, United States Code, as regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation that is open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income, and does not include intercity passenger rail transportation, intercity bus service, charter bus service, school bus service, sightseeing service, courtesy shuttle service for patrons of one or more specific establishments, or intra-terminal or intra-facility shuttle services.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities authorized under sections 5303, 5304, and 5305 of title 49, United States Code. The Subcommittee will continue to treat the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program as programmatic requests and will not fund CIG projects under Transit Infrastructure Projects, consistent with the fiscal year 2022 process.

Specific Supplemental Questions for Highway Infrastructure Projects

- Where is the project in the construction process?
  - Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Capital purchase or lease (including bus purchases), Construction, and Other (please specify).

- Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.
- Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
  - For example: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FTA Formula Funds: \$5 million.
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.
  - For example: Unidentified State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds will make up the rest.

# **Highway Infrastructure Projects**

Highway Infrastructure Projects are capital projects eligible under title 23 of the United States Code. Eligible projects are described under Section 133(b) of title 23, United States Code, as amended by title III of division A of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Tribal and territorial capital projects authorized under Chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, are also eligible.

## All projects must be:

- Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.
- Supported by the state or Tribal government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.
- Administered by public entities or Tribal entities.

The Subcommittee will not fund activities that are administrative in nature even if they are eligible expenses under the statutory citation. These include general operating expenses, and activities required under sections 134 and 135 of title 23, United States Code.

Note: The cost-share requirements are defined in statute and vary based on activity, location, and other factors. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/federalsharefs.cfm

Specific Supplemental Questions for Highway Infrastructure Projects

- Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b):
  - Highway, Bridge, EV Charging Infrastructure, Wildlife Crossing, Bike/Pedestrian, or Other (please specify).
- Where is the project in the construction process?
  - Planning and Environmental Review, Final Design, Right of Way, Capital purchase or lease, Construction, and Other (please specify).

- Was the project on a State, Tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a transportation improvement plan (TIP) as of 12/31/2021? If yes, please provide a link to the plan.
- Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID Number comes from.
- Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants.
  - For example: FY20 TIGER/BUILD Grant: \$10 million; FHWA Formula Funds: \$5 million.
- If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project.
  - For example: Unidentified State funds will compose 10 percent of the remaining cost and previously identified federal formula funds (STBG) will make up the rest.

# <u>Airport Improvement Program (AIP)</u>

AIP community project requests may be used for enhancing airport safety, capacity, and security, and mitigating environmental concerns.

# All projects must be:

- AIP eligible in accordance with sections 47101 to 47175 of title 49, United States Code, and FAA policy and guidance.
- Supported broadly by local stakeholders, including residents, businesses, and elected
  officials.
- Administered by an airport and/or airport sponsor.

# Specific Supplemental Questions for AIP projects

- How will the project contribute to the airport's disadvantaged business enterprise goals? <a href="https://www.transportation.gov/civil-rights/disadvantaged-business-enterprise">https://www.transportation.gov/civil-rights/disadvantaged-business-enterprise</a>
- Has the project received previous Federal funding? If so, how much and which public law (e.g., appropriations act or authorization act) provided it?
- Is the project AIP-eligible? <a href="https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/aip-handbook/">https://www.faa.gov/airports/aip/aip-handbook/</a>
- Has the airport submitted a grant application for this same project to FAA? If so, when?
- Would the project increase or decrease air traffic?
- Would the project increase or decrease aviation safety?
- Would the project increase or decrease environmental risks?
- Does the airport and airport sponsor support the project?
- Are there any stakeholders such as residents that live near the airport, state or local officials, state department of transportation officials that oppose the project?

# Supplemental information requested by the House Appropriations Committee

 Project Name (A short name by which the project may be identified, including a very brief description of what the funds will be used for and the project's location—city, county, state, Congressional District)

- a. For example: *Electric buses and charging infrastructure, City, State, Congressional District.*
- 2. General description of the project and why it is needed.
- 3. What are the benefits of the project and why is it a priority? (Note: benefits could include safety, environmental, economic, equity, mobility, etc. This description will not appear in the House report.
  - a. For example: Acquiring electric buses and related charging infrastructure will increase the safety and efficiency of the bus fleet, and reduce the overall greenhouse gas emissions for the transit agency.
- 4. Amount requested for the community project for FY23 and the total project cost
  - a. For Transit Infrastructure and Highway Infrastructure projects, provide the amount of the total cost of the project as outlined in the STIP or TIP, if applicable.
- 5. Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation?
- 6. Estimated start and completion dates.
- 7. Has the request been submitted to another subcommittee or full committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?
- 8. Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?
- 9. Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) category of action (if applicable)?

# U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Community project funding may be requested from the following Department of Veterans Affairs account:

• Construction, Minor projects

Veterans memorials, parks, museums, and other similar projects are not eligible for community project funding. Funds are also not available for direct grants to veterans organizations or for local programmatic efforts.

VA has three types of construction projects: Major Construction (projects that are expected to cost above \$20,000,000), Minor Construction (projects that are expected to cost equal to or less than \$20,000,000), and Nonrecurring Maintenance (NRM) (projects that consist of upkeep, construction and maintaining building systems). The classification of each construction project is determined by VA.

# Community project funding requests are eligible ONLY for VA Minor Construction projects.

VA's Minor Construction program includes capital projects with costs equal to or less than \$20,000,000, particularly projects that construct new space instead of renovating existing space. Examples may include expanding existing facility square footage to provide additional healthcare capacity, construction of specialty care buildings or clinics, building of parking structures, or expanding gravesite space at cemeteries.

The Committee will only consider projects that appear on VA's Integrated Departmentwide Priority List for 2023 Construction Projects (2023 Construction SCIP List). This list will be included in the FY 2023 President's Budget submission.

The yearly Construction SCIP List includes projects that have been reviewed by VA and are determined to be at an advanced enough stage to receive funds. This will ensure that Federal dollars are not set aside for projects that are not yet ready to spend them.

# **Criteria for VA Community Project Funding (CPF):**

- The subcommittee will consider supporting Community Project Funding only for VA
  Minor Construction projects that are equal to or less than \$20,000,000 in total
  estimated project cost, and they must be included in the 2023 Construction SCIP List
  (this list will be included in the FY 2023 President's Budget submission materials).
- Projects must be listed as unfunded on VA's 2023 Construction SCIP List with \$0 in the 2023 Request column. Projects with a dollar amount in the 2023 Request column are requested in the President's budget request, and if requested, should be submitted as programmatic requests.
- Funding for a CPF project will be capped at 10 percent of the total estimated cost of the project to support planning and design that can be executed within twelve months of

receiving funding. (Similar projects on the FY 2022 list would generally have been in the range of \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.) o Exceptions to the 10 percent cap may be made for projects where construction is ready to be supported in year one, and only applies to some National Cemetery Administration (NCA) Minor Construction projects. Please consult with the subcommittee and VA to determine if the full scope of an NCA project can be executable in one year.

# Supplemental Information Needed by the House Appropriations Committee

- 1. What is the State/territory where the project is located?
- 2. What city is the project is located in?
- 3. What is the Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) where the project is located or VA Administration?
- 4. What is the specific facility where the project is located?
- 5. Is the project listed on VA's 2023 Construction Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP) list?
- 6. VA Construction Program Type (note only Minor Construction projects are eligible for CPF funding).
- 7. What is the total estimated cost of the project? (must be equal to or less than \$20 million)
- 8. Where is the project in the construction process? (e.g. planning; design; awaiting construction; in the middle of construction; other, please explain)
- 9. Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any.
- 10. Can the project funds be obligated within 12 months of enactment of the bill?
- 11. Why is the project a priority for the Congressional district?